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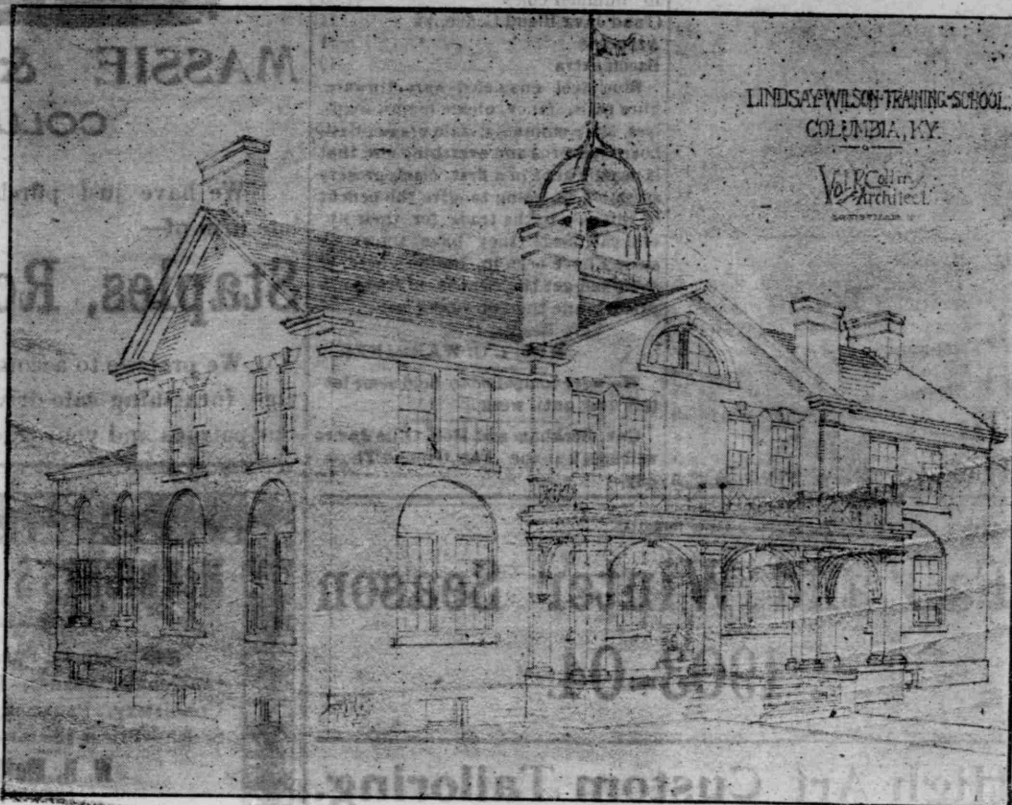
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Above we present the picture of the Lindsay Wilson School Building now under course of construction on Arborvitae Hill in Columbia. As the picture shows it will be a magnificent building, sufficiently large to accommodate five hundred students, and in a few more fleeting weeks will be completed.

The readers of The News, doubtless, are well advised as to the efforts made on the part of our town and county to secure this institution; they are not strangers to the fact that it was secured through the efforts of our enterprising citizens in conjunction with the Louisville Conference both making sacrifices in money and efforts, to secure it for this immediate section of the State. After the painters brush has been used for the last time the keys will be turned over to the Louisville Conference—a precious heritage whose destiny will be guided by intelligent, earnest Christian gentlemen for the special benefit of the young people of Southern Kentucky who desire an education. The building is 64 by 73 feet with a full story basement for a gymnasium. The front is two stories, containing 8 rooms while the ell is only 19 feet and will be used as a chapel and auditorium. The partitions are made to fold so the entire lower floor can be used as a hall with the front upper floor as a gallery. The building is an ornament to the town and its inside architecture could not be surpassed for school purposes. The entire cost of building, ground and equipments will approximate

\$13,000, and in every particular the contractor, Mr. Geo. Fletcher, of Litchfield, is making it as solid and beautiful as the architect designed. This institution is not merely backed by fond hopes or imagination, but comes endowed with \$10,000 direct, and to share equally with two or three other schools of a similar character in an endowment fund of more than \$32,000. The one great need to brighten its future, to make certain its mission for great good, to give it power and prestige, is sufficient dormitories to accommodate the many young people who would attend if cheaper boarding facilities were provided. The Methodist people, the Louisville Conference, are awake to the true situation. They realize the importance of such preparation and have determined to have them. The architect, Mr. Val P. Collins, of Louisville, is now working on the plan which will be submitted to the Educational Board at an early day, and while waiting for the designs the agencies of the conference are working to secure the money. The men who guaranteed the payment of the \$7,000 subscribed in this section, are receiving no more out of this enterprise than those who made the pledge. They are working for the school without hope of reward, save that which is common to a cheerful giver. The entire amount will be due by the 15th of next month and there is yet uncollected nearly \$4,000. You can see the bondsmen the discomfort of borrowing the money and the school from paying the interest if you will waive

your privilege of quarterly payments and send the entire amount. It will be greatly appreciated and your donation would go direct as you intended and the consciousness of knowing it fully paid would bring happy thoughts to your mind and sweet dreams to your slumbers. Send it if you possibly can and save us from borrowing.

There are many who contributed and some time in the near future we hope to publish the names and amounts given so it may be seen who are its real friends.

When the main building becomes a turn-key reality the work for dormitories will then be pushed, and, in all fairness, we believe it the duty of every person in this town and county, who have not heretofore given, to come forward with liberal subscriptions. Several good business men and firms in this town, who may reasonably expect to share in its blessings, have no part in this great enterprise, will doubtless aid the dormitory fund. Let us all pull together for the good of community and when the battles of life are over leave something greater in the world than the American Eagle. When you come to Columbia look upon Arborvitae hill and see our school building—a monument to the aggressive pluck and frugality of this section, a beauty whose form and conveniences stand to the credit of the architect, Mr. Val P. Collins, of Louisville, and its substantial construction and inviting finish is a flower in the reputation of the contractor, Mr. Geo. Fletcher, of Litchfield.

DEATH OF SAMUEL SHANNON.

BY SAVOYARD.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—There died in Metcalfe county, Ky., some weeks ago, Judge Samuel Shannon at the advanced age of ninety-three. He was a most interesting character, a very strong man physically and morally. His individuality of character was most pronounced; his self-reliance was sublime; his unselfishness was perennial. He was a Christian and believed in the Word, and all the Word. I have seen him on horseback a thousand times; I never saw him riding at a faster gait than a walk. I never saw him in a hurry, and I never knew him to be behind time. He lived up to his promises, and that is a great big part of the whole duty of man. He "got" religion at the mourner's bench—he wrestled with the spirit, and was triumphant after much tribulation, and he never had very much faith in any religion that was easy to "get." He belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian church; he knew the Bible from lid to lid, and he prayed every day of his life.

He was a farmer and a trader. Before the building of the Louisville & Nashville railroad he used to haul goods from Louisville to merchants in the north section of Barren county. Once he was on his way to Louisville after goods and loaded with tobacco. The turnpike in Hart county was not in as good order as the law required. He drove his team through a vast south of Green river and refused to pay toll at that gate. The turnpike company had a summary way of doing business and they seized 1 of the six horses of his team. Some days after

the horse was sold at public auction for the toll. Shannon employed John Donnan to sue the company, and he lawed them to a standstill. He got big damages and a big judgment for costs, for the case was in the Court of Appeals a time or two. An execution was issued on his judgment and levied on the turnpike. It was sold at the Courthouse door and Shannon bought it. The turnpike company was stubborn, too, and did not exercise the right of redemption for a long time, and it looked as though Shannon would own the pike; but he finally got his money and the turnpike company was very glad to get rid of him.

In 1860 the Legislature created the county of Metcalfe, carved it mostly out of Barren, with slices of Hart, Green, Adair, Cumberland and Monroe to round out the geography. Edmonston was selected as the county seat, and the officers of the new county were chosen at the August election, 1860. The Whigs, or whatever they then called themselves, were slightly in the majority, and Shannon was a Whig. But there was not much politics in that election. Neither party held a convention, and there were more than a dozen candidates for Assessor. In those days it was fashionable for candidates to go over the county "electioneering" with plenty of whiskey in bottles that filled their saddlebags to bursting. But Shannon did not do that. He filled his saddlebags with candy and treated the women and children. He was defeated for County Judge.

In 1869 he was again a candidate for Judge, and opposed by the man who had beaten him in 1860. It was an exceedingly close race, and Shannon's

majority was only six. In 1870 the same two ran for the third time, and Shannon beat his opponent two votes. As a Judge he was a wonder. No pent up legal Utes contracted his adjudications. He always had on hand plenty of law, but the best lawyers of that country wondered where he got it. He had a pronounced sense of justice. He hated a meanness. For the technique of the legal profession he had sovereign contempt. His business was to be just, and he was just with all his might.

I shall never forget the case of Withers vs. Minor. The plaintiff was the landlord of the defendant, and had sued out an attachment for rent, and levied it on the corn crop of the defendant. Withers was an excellent man, and did not care about the rent, but he believed that Minor was trying to "beat" him, and then he was the relentless auditor. His lawyers were James A. Rousseau and John W. Compton. The defendant's lawyers were William J. Whitlock, and the youngest member of the Edmonston bar was associated with him just "for practice." It was a bleak day in January, and as it was the sole contested case on the docket, it took all day to try it. Not only did the defense resist the attachment, but they pleaded payment of the rent. There was a jury and the evidence was all for the plaintiff, and if there ever was a legal definition of the grounds of attachment sworn to on the witness stand, Withers proved it that day. Whitlock narrowly escaped being a great man. I have known him to attain to lofty flights of eloquence. The difficulty with him was what has brought to naught so much genius—a lack of application, an absence of continuity of

purpose. Whitlock was not satisfied with one of the learned professions. He wanted to master them all. He was the first man to man an abolition speech south of the Green river, and had he been able to fix his eyes on a single goal he would have gone far. I never saw a more lovable man, a more delightful companion. He was eternally startling his companions with original thoughts, but always inchoate. Nature denied him a "balance wheel," and in that respect the old jade is churlish to a heap of us.

Well, when the evidence was all in, Whitlock turned to his junior counsel and told him to address the jury, and be sure and "repeat that poetry you recited to me this morning." It was a passage from Burns:

"I'll no say men are villains a';
The real harden'd wicked,
Wha hae nae check but human law,
Are to a few restricted;
But oh! mankind are unweaken,
An' little to be trusted;
If self the wavering balance shake,
It's rarely right adjusted."

The junior found a place to put that, and thought he had made a hit with it; but the jury was not out longer than the time required to write a verdict for the plaintiff.

Then Whitlock moved to discharge the attachment. The lawyers all laughed immediately; but Whitlock made a speech that was simply thrilling, and a tear came slowly into the Judge's eye, and rolled down his bronzed cheek. When Whitlock concluded Compton wanted to make a speech in reply, but Rousseau would not permit it, and called for judgment. "The attachment is discharged," said the Judge. That was all we wanted. Minor never intended to have anything subject to execution, and a thousand judgments against him would not have embarrased him the slightest. He got his corn, for the amount in controversy was too small for appeal. It was a long time before the Metcalfe bar could think of Withers vs. Minor without smiling. Rousseau and Compton, however, did not smile—on the contrary, quite the reverse.

There never was a more hospitable man than Sam Shannon. He lived at Antioch for three score and ten years, and for more than fifty years of that time his family never knew what it was to sit down to the table—breakfast dinner or supper—without company. It was a church community, and nearly every Sunday there was "meeting" at Antioch—Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist or Methodist—and there was an invitation to everybody to take dinner at Brother Shannon's. I have known more than 100 to accept that invitation, and it included provender for beast as well as food for man, and I am as certain as that I write this that there never was anything like a fitch of that hospitality. I am sure that he no more begrudged what his guests consumed—many of them strangers—than a gourd of water a neighbor might have taken at his spring.

Perhaps it is foolish to say it; doubtless it is unpatriotic to believe it—this country has got too much patriotism anyhow—but I cannot but think that the civilization of Kentucky of the decade 1850-1860 was the grandest man ever made in any age anywhere. There is no more hospitality, even in Kentucky, or old Virginia, when measured by one who remembers the Kentucky and Virginia of the elder, and to us, better day of the fifties.

Sam Shannon was a product of that epoch—the Kentucky of before 1860—and the best product, for he was a Christian and a truly pious man. His pastor was William Neal, himself an extraordinary man. They were in accord in nearly all matters of doctrine, but in two or three things they disagreed. It was a collision between the irrefragable and the unmovable, and it lasted all night.

In the sweet bye and bye, Sam Shannon, William Neal and William J. Whitlock are among the jewels from Kentucky—may the sod lie lightly above them.

The river steamer Wash Henshell was burned to the water's edge at her wharf in Cincinnati.

A yellow fever outbreak is reported at Tenares, Mexico. The death rate is fourteen a day.

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| Wool, Grease, clean..... | 18 |
| Washed Wool..... | 24 |
| Beeswax..... | 22 |
| Feathers..... | 44 |
| Hides, Green..... | 5 |
| Hides Dry..... | 10 |
| Gingeng..... | 85c |
| Spring Chickens..... | 38c |
| Old Hens..... | 8 |
| Eggs..... | 12 |
| Dried Apples..... | 34 |

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| Light shipping..... | 4 35@4 60 |
| Best butchers..... | 4 35@4 60 |
| Fair to good butchers..... | 3 75@4 25 |
| Common to medium b'tch'r..... | 3 25@3 50 |
| HOGS. | |
| Choice packing and butchers, 200 to 300 lbs..... | 6 05 |
| Fair to good packing, 160 to 200 lbs..... | 6 05 |
| Good to extra light, 120 to 160 lbs..... | 6 05 |
| SHEEP AND LAMBS. | |
| Good to extra shipping..... | |
| Sheep..... | 3 75@4 00 |
| Fair to good..... | 3 25@4 7 |
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